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Application No.: 10/508,793 ) Group Art Unit: 2882  
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For: X-RAY IMAGE MAGNIFYING )  
DEVICE )

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**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this IDS is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

A European Search Report dated November 7, 2007 that issued in a corresponding European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

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While the European Search Report additionally cites documents JP 9-251100 and JP 4-265900, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously-cited in this application in an IDS on May 3, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art". If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

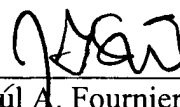
**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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